

Capsule Summary
SM-469
George J. Trice House
St. George Island
Private

Circa 1870

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Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Plan Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period: Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870 - 1930.

Historic Period Theme: Architecture

Resource Type

Category: Structure

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use: Residence

Known Design Source: none

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. SM-469

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common George J. Trice House

2. Location

street & number Route 249 ☐ not for publication

city, town St. George Island ☐ vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county St. Mary's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name James J. and Joan L. Corridon

street & number 10631 Miller Road telephone no.: 703-281-9157

city, town Oakton state and zip code MD VA 22124

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse liber MRB 20

street & number folio 46

city, town Leonardtown state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resource Count: 1

The George Trice House is located at the end of an unpaved road on the east side of Route 249 on St. George Island in St. Mary's County, Maryland. There are no outbuildings on the property. The house faces east towards St. George's Creek.

Probably built around 1870, the house is a two-story, frame structure supported by a brick pier foundation. The exterior is sheathed with vinyl siding and the roof is covered with seamed metal. The roofs of the rear kitchen wing and hyphen are covered with asphalt shingles.

The east (main) elevation is pierced by a six-light-over-four-panel door with a three-light transom window. The door is flanked by two two-over-two sash windows with louvered shutters to the north. A screened porch extends across the full width of the first floor. The shed roof porch is supported by cinderblock piers. Three two-over-two sash windows with louvered shutters pierce the second floor. The roofline is broken by a central cross gable. An interior brick chimney pierces the roof ridgeline at the north end of the house.

The south elevation of the main block is pierced by a two-over-two sash window with louvered shutters on the second floor. To the west extends a two-story ell. The first floor of the ell is obscured by a one-story, shed roof addition pierced by a modern bay window with louvered shutters. The second floor of the ell is pierced by two two-over-two sash windows with louvered shutters. An interior brick chimney pierces the roof ridgeline at the west end of this wing. To the west of the ell is a one-story kitchen wing. This kitchen, formerly separate from the house, was joined to the house by the current owners. Sliding glass doors which open onto an exterior wood deck pierce the kitchen wing.

The west elevation of the kitchen wing is blind. The west side of the main block is pierced by one two-over-two sash window with louvered shutters on the second floor. Two two-over-two sash windows with louvered shutters pierce the second floor of the ell.

The north elevation of the kitchen is pierced by a small one-light window. A slightly shorter hyphen, which connects the ell to the kitchen, is pierced by a small two-over-two sash window. The ell is pierced by one two-over-two sash window and a two-light-over-two-panel door with a two-light transom window on the first floor. The second floor is pierced by two two-over-two sash windows with louvered shutters. The main block is pierced by two two-over-two sash windows with louvered shutters on both the first and second floors.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates None Builder/Architect Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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Chain of Title

TO: James J. and Joan L. Corridon
FROM: Barbara M. Marcotte
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber MRB 20, folio 46.
DATE: August 15, 1978.
NOTES: Transfer of .707 acres.

TO: Barbara M. Marcotte
FROM: Warner L. Chesterson and Alice M. Chesterson
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 96, folio 445.
DATE: September 1, 1961.
NOTES: Transfer of 72/100s of an acre.

TO: Warner L. Chesterson and Alice M. Chesterson
FROM: Geneva M. Chesser Henderson
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 81, folio 207.
DATE: May 6, 1959.
NOTES: Transfer of 72/100s of an acre.

TO: Geneva M. Chesser, wife of Willard T. Chesser.
FROM: Mary A. Trice Sheridan and George W. Sheridan, Naomi E. Todd and Wells W. Todd.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JMM 2, folio 328.
DATE: September 22, 1923.
NOTES: Transfer of 5 acres, formerly the home of Joseph E. Trice. Trice died intestate in 1914 leaving a widow, Mary A. Trice, now Mary A. Sheridan, wife of George Sheridan, and two daughters. Price: \$667.

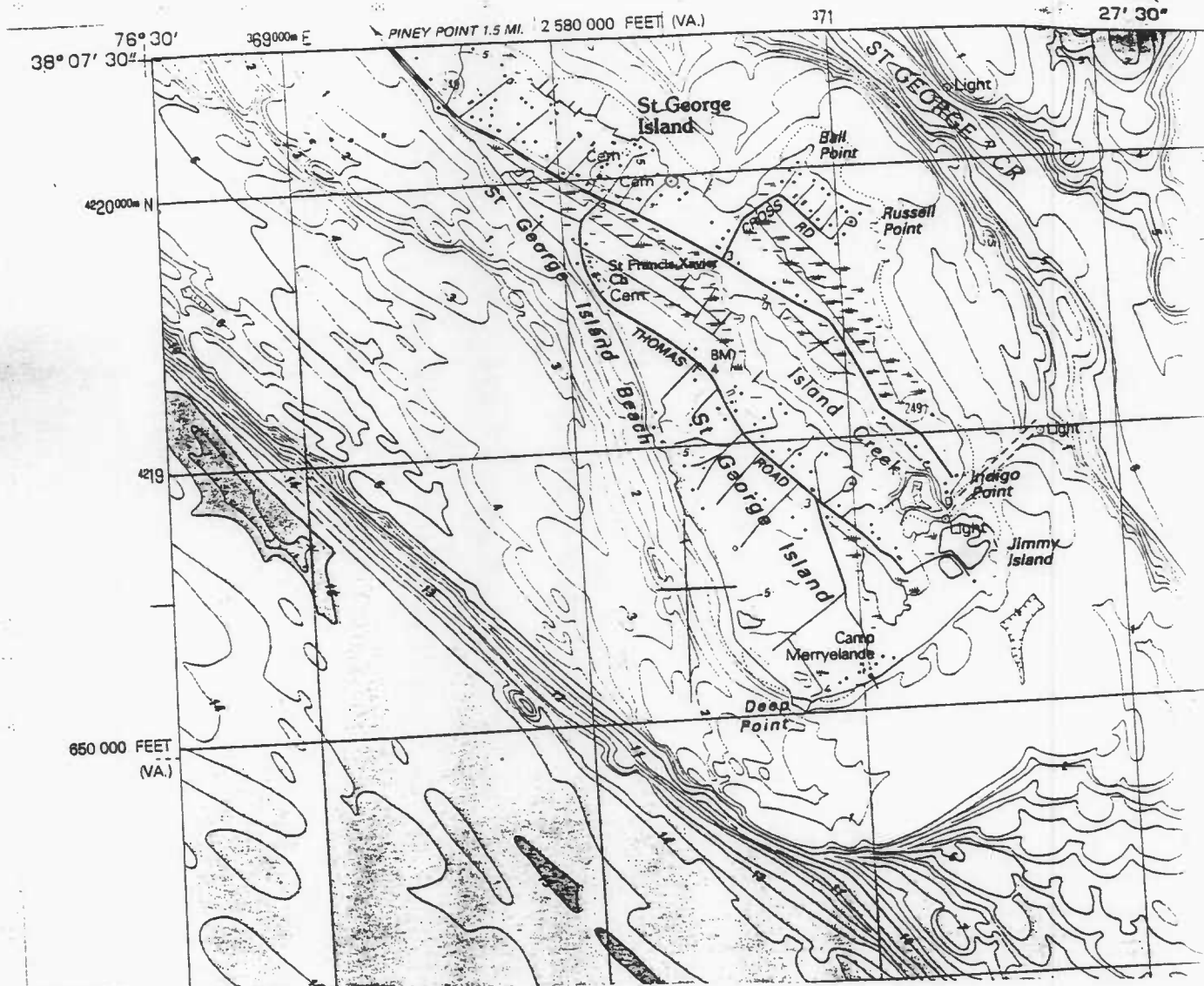
TO: Joseph E. Trice
FROM: George J. Trice
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JJG 1, folio 179.
DATE: June 17, 1893.
NOTES: Transfer of 5 acres. Price: \$500

TO: George J. Trice
FROM: Charles C. Lancaster, attorney and agent of the Corporation of Roman Catholic Clergymen.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JTB 3, folio 443.
DATE: January 30, 1860.
NOTES: Transfer of 7 1/4 acres being a part of St. George's Island, "beginning at a small post heretofore set into a small marsh near the shore of St. George's River as

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8.2 Significance

boundry of a tract of land now in the possession of Thomas B. Adams and running thence with the line of said land south 25 1/2 degrees west 50 3/4 perches, thence south 36 degrees east 14 3/4 perches thence north 25 and 1/2 degrees east 49 1/2 perches, thence south 36 degrees east 16 3/4 perches to the causeway leading over to the Peach Orchard Island and thence with said causeway north 55 degrees east one and a half perches, thence south 50 and 3/4 degrees east 14 1/2 perches thence north 59 degrees east 7 and 2/3 perches to the shore of St. George's River thence binding with the shore of said River to the beginning...containing 7 1/4 acres of land."
Price: \$195

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